

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-51. (cancelled)

52. (previously presented) A method for improving foam head stability in beer, comprising adding a hop extract containing at least 20% anhydrogalacturonic acid on a dry weight basis of extracted material, to a beer preparation after commencement of wort boiling and not earlier than 30 minutes before the end of wort boiling, said hop extract being added in an amount of at least 0.5 g per hectoliter of said beer preparation.

53. (previously presented) The method according to claim 52, wherein said hop extract is added not earlier than 10 minutes before the end of wort boiling.

54. (previously presented) The method according to claim 52, wherein said hop extract is added subsequent to wort boiling but prior to bright beer filtration.

55. (currently amended) The method according to claim 52, wherein said hop extract is added is added in an amount from ~~about~~ 0.5 to ~~about~~ 30 g per hectoliter.

56. (previously presented) The method according to claim 52, wherein said hop extract is made by extracting a by-

product of a hop extraction process or by extracting hop bines.

57. (previously presented) The method according to claim 56, wherein said by-product is an extraction residue obtained from CO₂ extraction.